(*a*) the acreage of lands assigned in Travancore during the last five years;

(*b*) the extent assigned to the backward communities;

(*c*) whether any person from the backward communities had applied for the assignment of thirty cents of land comprised in Kayal poramboke 282/1 A in the Chempu pakuthi in the Vaikom taluk;

(*d*) whether they have made any decision in regard to the registry of this land;

(*e*) if so, the name and native place of the person to whom permission has been given for the registry;

(*f*) whether they will lay on the table copy of the decision of the Division Peishkar, Kottayam, in regard to this poramboke case; and

(*g*) whether they will lay on the table the original of the G. O. published by them regarding porambokes, dated the 20th January 1922?

MR K. GEORGE: (*a*) 18,165·84 acres (1107 to 1111 M. E.)

(*b*) 785·41 acres on concessional terms.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) and (*e*) Yes. The land has been ordered to be registered in favour of Vanchi Aiyar Chathu Aiyar, Eastern Fort Gate, Thripunithura.

(*f*) A copy of the proceedings Dis. No. 927/11, dated 5-5-1111 of the Division Peishkar, Kottayam is laid on the table.

(*g*) The member is referred to page 363 of the Second supplement to Land Revenue Manual Volume II.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): May I know why these lands have been ordered to be registered in favour of an outsider?

MR. K. GEORGE: He is not an outsider.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Is Thripunithura in Travancore?

MR. K. GEORGE: He may be living there; but he has got properties just behind this area.

Broadcasting Station in Trivandrum.

152. * **MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state what is the estimated cost of starting a Broadcasting Station in Trivandrum?

MR. K. P. P. MENON (*Electrical Engineer to Government*): Bh. Rs. 2,33,390.

Judges of the High Court.

153. * **MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many Judges have been appointed in the High Court within the last seven years;

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(*b*) how many of such Judges, if any, have been recruited from among Vakils practising in the Travancore High Court; and

(*c*) who are the Judges, if any so appointed?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) Thirteen.

(*b*) None.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Town*): How many of these Judges were recruited from outside Travancore?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Does the member refer to non-Travancoreans or Travancoreans outside

PRESIDENT: Presumably, non-Travancoreans.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: No, Sir; I am referring to Vakils practising outside Travancore and to officers of the judiciary outside.

PRESIDENT: Appointments to the High Court Bench are made by the Sovereign acting under his prerogative.

Viswakarmas in the Forest Department.

154. * **MR. N. VELU ACHARY** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Viswakarma graduates and non-graduate employees on Rs. 20 and above in the Forest Department?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: Graduates—Nil.

Non-graduates—4.

Resident Medical Officer, General Hospital.

155. * **MR. K. T. THOMAS**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the present Resident Medical Officer had any training in ear, nose and throat treatment;

(*b*) if he had, where it was and for what period;

(*c*) whether he holds any degree or diploma for specialisation; and

(*d*) if the answer to parts (a) to (c) is in the affirmative, whether he is given preference in the matter of rank on the basis of such specialisation?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Madras General Hospital for six months.

(*c*) There is no specialisation diploma awarded in Madras.

(*d*) No.

Resident Medical Officer in the General Hospital.

156. * **MR. K. T. THOMAS**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long the present Resident Medical Officer in the General Hospital has been holding that office; and

(*b*) whether opportunity is given to every Assistant Surgeon attached to the General Hospital to be the Resident Medical Officer in that institution?

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